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SUBSTANTIVE THEME: THE CONTRIBUTION OF TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING NEW AND EMERGING ONES, FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF REGIONAL AND GLOBAL INTEGRATION PROCESSES, INCLUDING PROPOSALS ON WAYS AND MEANS OF TRANSFERRING SUCH TECHNOLOGIES AND FOR THEIR INCORPORATION IN THE PRODUCTIVE SECTOR OF THOSE COUNTRIES

Belarus, Cape Verde, China and the United States of America: draft resolution

Military conversion for socio-economic development and related matters

The Commission on Science and Technology for Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling principle 25 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, 1/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, which states that peace, development and environmental protection are interdependent and indivisible,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/36 C of 6 December 1991, in which the Assembly stressed the growing importance of the relationship between disarmament and development in current international relations, and Assembly resolution 46/36 B, in which the Assembly recalled the report of the

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1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 (vol. I), resolution 1, annex I.

Secretary-General transmitting the study on charting potential uses of resources allocated to military activities for civilian endeavours to protect the environment,

Welcoming the timely presentation of the report of the Secretary-General, 2/ of 23 October 1992, entitled "New dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold war era", in response to the review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session and on the occasion of Disarmament Week, as constituting a set of considerations and recommendations that deserve close attention by the international community,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/14 E, in which the Assembly decided, inter alia, to entrust the Centre for Science and Technology for Development of the Secretariat to serve as the focal point for technological assessment within the United Nations system and, where possible, for relations with Governments and non-governmental organizations concerning technological assessment activities in Member States, and resolution 46/165, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the role of the Centre,

Noting the deliberations at the recent United Nations conferences in Beijing, Dortmund and Moscow on military conversion,

1. Reaffirms that in the era of global concern for the environment and in the new political climate, conversion of military technology for civilian use and sustainable development should receive increased international attention with appropriate support and involvement of the United Nations;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995 a report on military conversion for socio-economic development with a focus on technology assessment issues, particularly economic effects, employment implications and environmental consequences.

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